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**Mobil Oil Australia Limited**

NEW MOBIL REFINERY FOR ADELAIDE

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Mobil Oil Australia Ltd. is to build a new refinery in Adelaide to make lubricating oils, the chairman and managing director, Mr. Karl F. Madsen, announced today.

The lubricating oil refinery, together with associated facilities, will cost \$A40 million and will have a capacity of 3,000 barrels a day. It is expected to be finished in 1975. Preliminary design work has already begun and construction is scheduled to begin in September.

The prime contractor is London-based engineering company, Foster Wheeler Ltd., who will design and build the refinery to Mobil specifications. Largely Australian materials will be used in construction and Australian sub-contractors will be employed.

Mobil's new refinery will be built adjacent to the existing Port Stanvac refinery operated by Petroleum Refineries (Australia) Pty.Ltd. The PRA refinery (owned 65 per cent by Mobil and 35 per cent by Esso Australia Ltd.) produces mainly gasolines, distillates and fuel oil, but does not make lubricating oils.

The new refinery will use imported crude oil as feedstock unless a suitable Australian crude oil is discovered. The present Australian crude oils are too light to be used in making lubricating oils.

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Please note: There is no "e" in "Mobil".

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, today welcomed the announcement.

He said it followed detailed negotiations which he and officers of his Department had had with the Company.

The project would be a major boost to the South Australian economy.

"The refinery will employ about 100 people directly, and there will be obvious spin-off employment benefits through the State's economy.

"During the construction phase it will provide jobs for more than 600 people, with about 1100 at peak level.

"The Premier said the project had also been studied by the Department of Environment and Conservation, which had reported that the refinery would not represent any new threat to the area.

"The Company has also undertaken to check regularly with the Department during the construction phase", the Premier said.